



THE PEAK PROFESSIONAL BODY  
FOR NEONATAL NURSES IN AUSTRALIA

## Branch and SIG forum MINUTES OF MEETING 7:30 PM Monday, 14 June 2021

### 1. Meeting open

Meeting Opened By Anndrea Flint at 7:32 PM

### 2. Attendance & Apologies

#### Attended

Amy Curran  
Anndrea Flint  
Karen New  
Linda Ng  
Samantha Lannan  
Sarah Neale  
Shelley Reid

Gill Mibus: SA Branch, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner SIG, Low Resource Countries SIG; NSW Branch: Shelley Reid for Jo Sheils; QLD Branch: Kristin Hughes; Education SIG: Linda Ng; Infant Feeding SIG: Heather Taylor; Leadership SIG: Wendy Carlish; Neonatal Skin SIG: Nicol Franz; Neurodevelopmental Care SIG, Research SIG: Renee Muirhead.

### 3. Acknowledgment of country

The Australian College of Neonatal Nurses would like to acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples across the nation as the traditional custodians of the lands on which we live, learn and work, and honour elders past and present.

### 4. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous general meeting

#### Motions

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 Apr 2021 were a true and accurate record.

**Status:** Carried    **Mover:** Samantha Lannan    **Seconder:** Sarah Neale

### 5. Business arising from the minutes of the previous general meeting

1. Annual review outcomes for Branches and SIGs: these had been acknowledged by the Executive. Conference support for SIGs at the annual conference was discussed.

### 6. Branch reports

1. ACT: no representative attended.
2. NSW: Shelley reported for the Branch chair who was unable to attend this meeting. The Branch is hoping to organise the deferred country seminar in Port Macquarie that was deferred last year, for a date later this year.
3. QLD: Kristin reported two workshops are planned, in Logan and Caboolture, and planning another one for next

year.

4. SA: Gill reported the Perinatal and Neonatal Palliative Care seminar was held in May, as a hybrid event.

## 7. Special interest group reports

1. Education: Linda reported next meeting is on 6 July. Noted that the proposed co-branding of the last SIG event was declined by the Infant Feeding SIG.
2. Infant Feeding: Heather reported that the third online SIG event will be presented by Amanda Carter, Senior Dietitian at Children's Hospital Westmead, on a date in August TBC.
3. Leadership: Wendy reported the next online event in July is a session on conflict competence.
4. Low Resource Countries: Gill reported on a meeting to arrange a video version of the Helping Babies Breathe for teaching in remote communities. Some supplies have been sent to Goroka.
5. Neonatal Nurse Practitioner: Gill reported an online education session is in planning for July. Noted a proposed MOU with Australian College of Nurse Practitioners is under consideration by the Executive.
6. Neonatal Skin: Nicol reported the SIG chair, Deanne August, has stepped down and the SIG committee is recruiting for a new chairperson to take up the role in September. The SIG is planning for their conference session.
7. Neonatal Palliative Care: this SIG has been suspended before completing the provisional year as it was unable to maintain an operating committee. It may be recommenced in the future if volunteers are found.
8. Neurodevelopmental Care: Renee reported meeting on 30 May. An online session on neuro-critical nursing is being organised for July, and planning for another one in December.
9. Research: Renee reported the interviews for the NNOM P/T research assistant have been completed, outcome not yet announced as references are still being checked. Also reported the SIG is considering writing a position statement on neurodevelopmental care rather than a guideline.

## 8. Operations

1. Social Media: Sarah reported recruiting another member to the Social Media Committee. Please notify the SMC if events are to be featured on social media, allow adequate time for preparation of the post. Family Appreciation poster is being reviewed by a parent for consumer feedback.
2. Executive Support: nothing of note to report; see item 3 below.
3. Zoom bookings: Karen asked that care be taken when selecting dates for Zoom events, to check the calendar for possible conflicts as more events are booked.

## 9. Conferences and Events

1. Annual Conference 2021: Executive is planning for moving to a virtual event if necessary.
2. Annual Conference 2022: ACNN was successful in receiving funding from the NSW Government to hold a conference in a regional area of NSW. The venue will be in Coffs Harbour.
3. Annual Conference 2023: previously the 2022 conference was being planned for Adelaide, and some work had commenced on that. When ACNN notified the SA Convention Bureau of the change in venue for 2022, an offer of funding to hold the conference in Adelaide in 2023 was made and accepted.

## 10. New Business

1. The Executive requires that any in-person events should abide by the relevant state's COVID-19 rules applying at that time.
2. The QLD Branch is ordering ACNN-branded shirts, as worn by the LRC SIG when in Papua New Guinea, and asked if any other groups would like to order some. Minimum order is for 12, for about \$35 each.
3. ACNN was asked to add support to the online FINE program being launched, and has done so.

## 11. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 8:18 PM

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**Branch and SIG Forum**

7:30 PM, Monday, 9 August 2021

Motions Summary

#	Title	Mover	Second	Status
	The minutes of the meeting held on 12 Apr 2021 were a true and accurate record.	Samantha Lannan	Sarah Neale	Carried



Anndrea Flint (Meeting Chair and President)  
9 August 2021